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LD 260

To the honorable members of the Judiciary Committee:

I write in strong support of LD260 to ensure equality for all under the Maine Constitution. When the Supreme Court overturned Roe v Wade, it became clear to many of us that no law protecting rights is safe and no precedent matters. Since then, legislators have submitted bills to overturn gay marriage, target LGBTQ+ communities and restrict rights for others. Twenty-nine other states have recognized the need to enshrine equal rights protections into their state constitutions. Maine must do the same to protect all residents from the political motivations of others. Maine has recently been in the news as our Governor stood strong for the rule of law, but that protection changes with each election. We must pass LD260 to formally provide equal rights to all under our constitution.